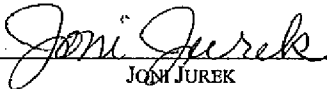


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RESPONSE AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office action mailed on October 21, 2008.

The two-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 21, 2008. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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